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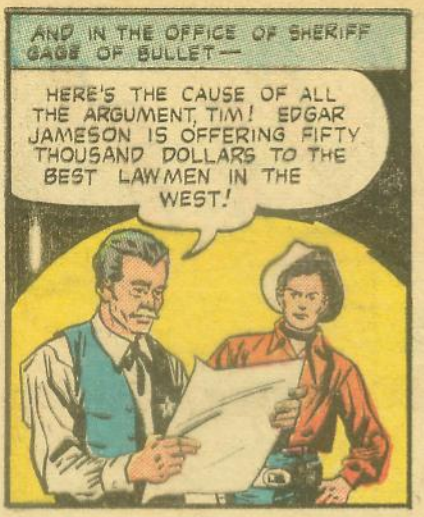
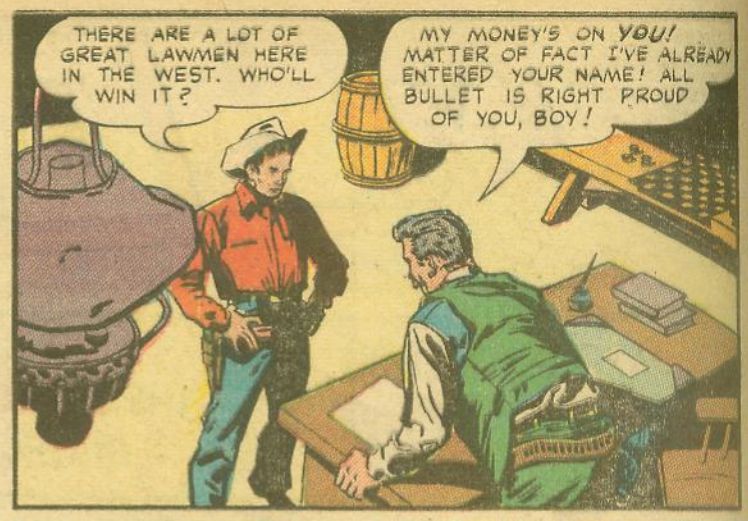
$50,000 Contest TO FIND THE BRAVEST LAWMAN IN THE WEST!

FROM THE RIO GRAND TO THE MISSOURI, MEN SPEAK IN HUSHED WHISPERS—THE GREATEST CONTEST EVER HELD PITS ***TIM HOLT*** AGAINST ***REDMASK!*** WHICH IS THE BETTER MAN? WHICH ONE WILL WIN THE CONTEST AND THE FIFTY THOUSAND? ***BUT***— SINCE *TIM HOLT IS ALSO REDMASK* (WHICH FACT NO ONE KNOWS)—HE HIMSELF IS AS INTERESTED AS ANYONE! NOT KNOWING THE ANSWER, AND FEARING EXPOSURE OF HIS DOUBLE IDENTITY, ***TIM HOLT*** TAKES UP THE CHALLENGE OF—

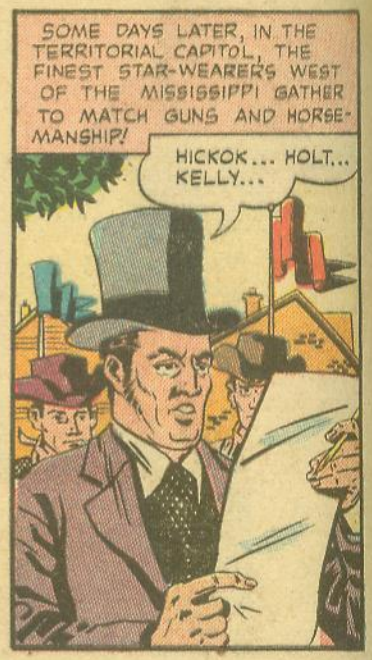
"TIM HOLT vs. REDMASK!"


AND IN THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF GAGE OF BULLET—
HERE'S THE CAUSE OF ALL THE ARGUMENT, TIM! EDGAR JAMESON IS OFFERING FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE BEST LAWMEN IN THE WEST!


THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT LAWMEN HERE IN THE WEST. WHO'LL WIN IT?
MY MONEY'S ON YOU! MATTER OF FACT I'VE ALREADY ENTERED YOUR NAME! ALL BULLET IS RIGHT PROUD OF YOU, BOY!

NOW, BEN! I DON'T GO FOR THESE CONTEST THINGS!
TIM, YOU GOT TO ENTER! THE WHOLE TOWN CHIPPED IN TO PAY YOUR ENTRY FEE. YOU CAN'T LET US DOWN!

'SIDES, I ALSO ENTERED THE NAME OF REDMASK, THOUGH TIM DOESN'T KNOW THAT! I ALLUS DID HAVE A HANKERIN' TO SEE WHICH OF THEM COULD DO BETTER SHOOTING AND RIDING THAN THE OTHER!
SHERIFF OFFICE


SOME DAYS LATER, IN THE TERRITORIAL CAPITOL, THE FINEST STAR-WEARER'S WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI GATHER TO MATCH GUNS AND HORSEMANSHIP!
HICKOK... HOLT... KELLY...

...REDMASK!
REDMASK?!?

WELL? WELL? WHERE'S REDMASK? ANSWER YOUR NAME! REDMASK!
JUDGES

THERE ARE A FEW MOMENTS OF SILENCE, THEN—
REDMASK IS HERE FOR THE CONTEST, JUDGE!
THOUGH HOW REDMASK IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM WHILE TIM HOLT IS PERFORMING— I DON'T KNOW!
NEXT DAY, TIM HOLT TAKES HIS PLACE AMONG THE CONTESTANTS...
JUDGES
WITH RELIEF, HE SEES, ON THE BULLETIN BOARD—
YOU TOOK TOP HONORS TODAY, TIM!
—AND ON THE LUCK OF THE DRAW, REDMASK DOESN'T APPEAR UNTIL TOMORROW. THE SECRET OF MY DOUBLE IDENTITY IS SAFE FOR A LITTLE WHILE...!
THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, REDMASK GOES THROUGH HIS BAG OF STUNTS—
HIT EVERY ONE OF THEM!
IN A LITTLE HOTEL-ROOM NOT FAR FROM THE PARADE GROUNDS WHERE THE CONTEST IS BEING HELD—
I TOLD YOU HOMBRES I'D GET THOSE LAWMEN OUT OF YOUR WAY! THEY'RE ALL HERE IN MESQUITE CITY! NOBODY'S GOING TO STOP YOU NOW...SO, GET ROBBING...!
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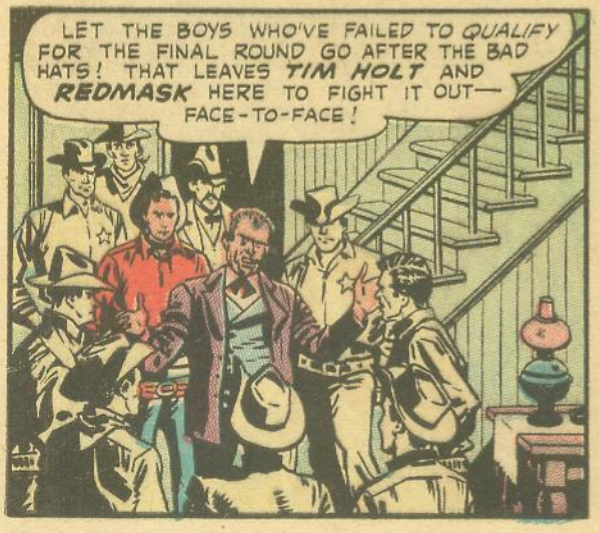
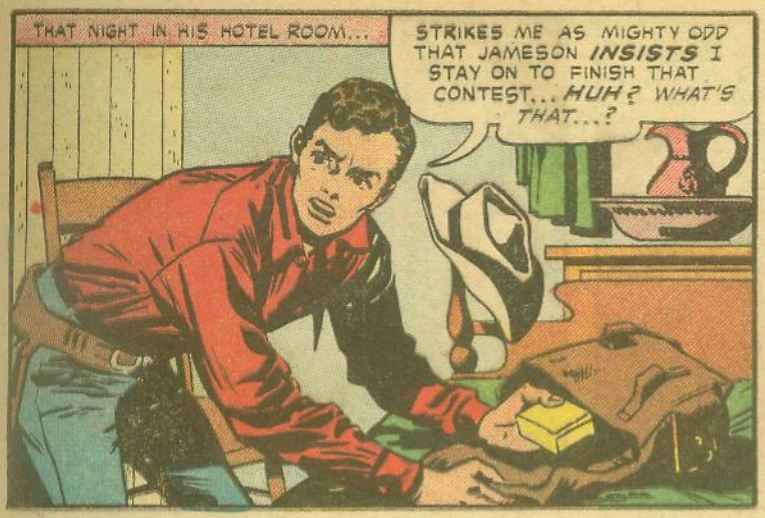
WHILE THE LAWMEN ROPE AND RIDE, SHOOT AND MATCH THEIR MUSCLES AT WRESTLING AND BOXING, THE BANDIT GANGS RISE UP...
THROW DOWN THE MONEY BOX! PRONTO!
GOLD
LET'S GO...!
BANK

IN MESQUITE CITY...
THE ROBBERIES ARE TAKING PLACE AT A BAD TIME, BOYS! EVERY ONE OF THE TOP LAWMEN IN THE WEST IS IN THIS TOWN!
GOT TO STAY HERE TOO — UNTIL THIS CONTEST IS OVER!

UH-UHH! DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BOYS, BUT I'M SADDLING UP AND RIDING OUT! THOSE OWLHOOTS NEED A LESSON!
NO! WAIT! I'VE A BETTER PLAN...!

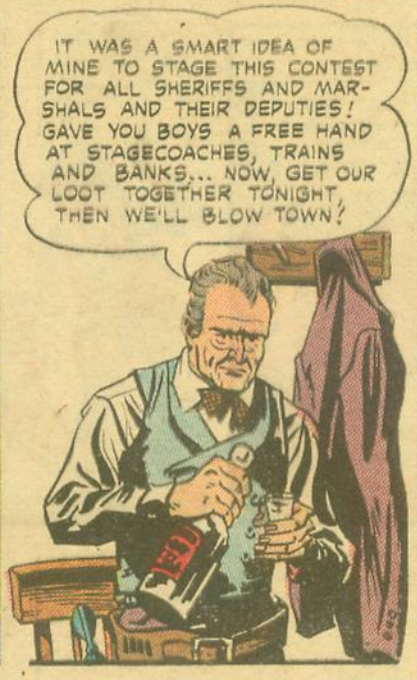

LET THE BOYS WHO'VE FAILED TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL ROUND GO AFTER THE BAD HATS! THAT LEAVES TIM HOLT AND REDMASK HERE TO FIGHT IT OUT— FACE-TO-FACE!

GOOD IDEA!
LET TIM AND REDMASK FIGHT IT OUT!
HOW CAN I MEET REDMASK? FACE-TO-FACE? I AM REDMASK...?


THAT NIGHT IN HIS HOTEL ROOM...
STRIKES ME AS MIGHTY ODD THAT JAMESON INSISTS I STAY ON TO FINISH THAT CONTEST... HUH? WHAT'S THAT...?

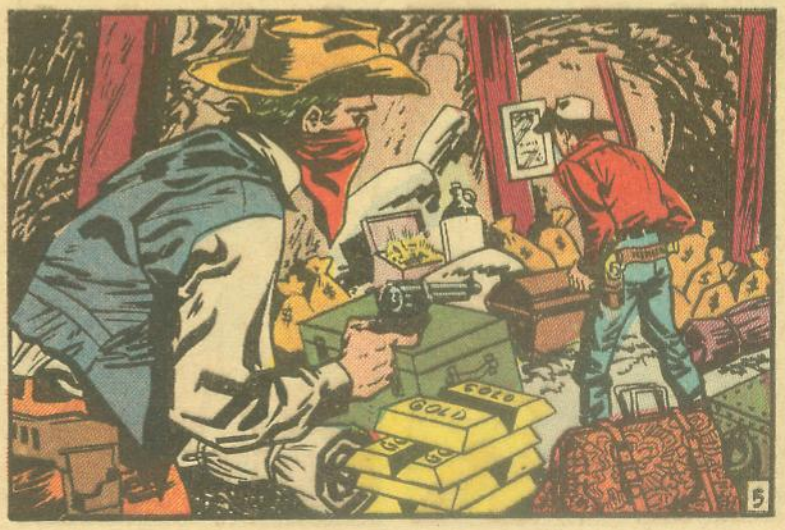
VOICES FROM THE NEXT ROOM—AND I HEARD MY NAME MENTIONED BY SOMEONE! MIGHT AS WELL LISTEN IN WITH THIS GLASS AT MY EAR...

AS THE SOUNDS ARE AMPLIFIED AND CLARIFIED THROUGH THE GLASS TUMBLER THAT HE PRESSES TO THE WALL, TIM HEARS—
HOLT AND REDMASK WILL STAY ON!—AND THEY'RE THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL THESE LAWMEN! SO YOU HOMBRES KEEP RIGHT ON ROBBING! I'LL KEEP HOLT AND REDMASK HERE IN TOWN...!


IT WAS A SMART IDEA OF MINE TO STAGE THIS CONTEST FOR ALL SHERIFFS AND MARSHALS AND THEIR DEPUTIES! GAVE YOU BOYS A FREE HAND AT STAGECOACHES, TRAINS AND BANKS... NOW, GET OUR LOOT TOGETHER TONIGHT, THEN WE'LL BLOW TOWN!

LATER, AS DUSK SHROUDS THE PRAIRIE COUNTRY—
I COULDN'T HAVE PLAYED THE EAVESDROPPER AT A BETTER TIME! I LEARNED WHERE THEIR HIDEOUT IS, WHERE THEY HIDE THEIR LOOT AND WHEN THEY'LL ARRIVE THERE!

SOME MILES OUT OF MESQUITE CITY, IN A GREAT CAVE STRETCHING BACK INTO GRASSY MOUNTAIN...
MUST BE A MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE IN GOLD AND CASH AND JEWELS HERE!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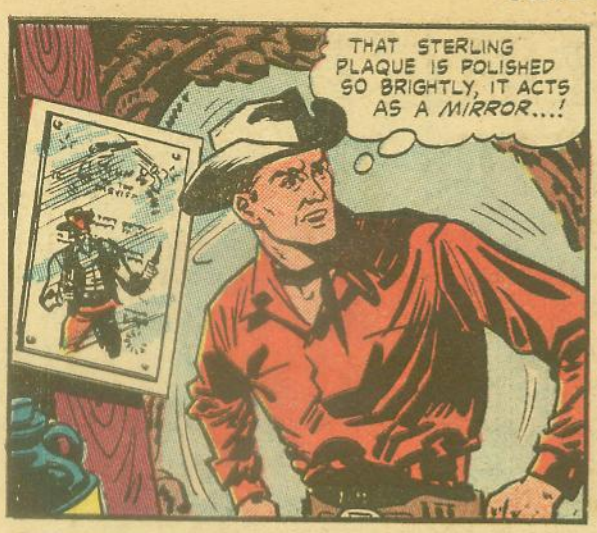
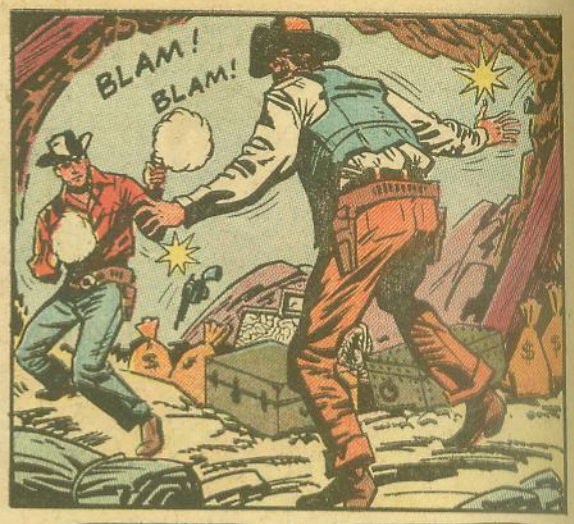

THAT STERLING PLAQUE IS POLISHED SO BRIGHTLY, IT ACTS AS A MIRROR...!


BLAM!
BLAM!

AT THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE, THE OTHER OUTLAWS RUSH FORWARD TO MEET TIM COMING OUT...
I'LL SHOW YOU THAT THE EXHIBITIONS OF SHOOTING I GAVE IN THAT CONTEST WERE ON THE LEVEL!

HE CAN'T GET US ALL!
THERE'S ONLY ONE OF HIM—EVEN IF HE IS TIM HOLT!

MEN REEL AND SWAY BEFORE THE MOUTH OF THE TREASURE CAVE! SIXGUNS LIFT AND FALL!

SO I'M ALONE, AM I? TAKE A LOOK, AND SEE WHO RIDES BESIDE ME...!

GASP! IT'S—IT'S HIM!
WE CAN'T BEAT THE TWO OF 'EM!

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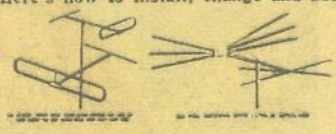

Now You Can Help Cure Many of These TV Troubles Yourself

- White diagonal lines across picture
- Jumping picture
- Picture moves sideways
- Little black dashes through picture
- Sound and picture not in step
- Snow, little black dots all over picture
- Picture blurred and not clearly focused
- Shadow in corner of screen
- Dark bars across picture
- Picture weak, gray
- Pattern over up and down
- Nothing on screen but thin white lines
- Small picture
- Picture tear
- Twisted picture

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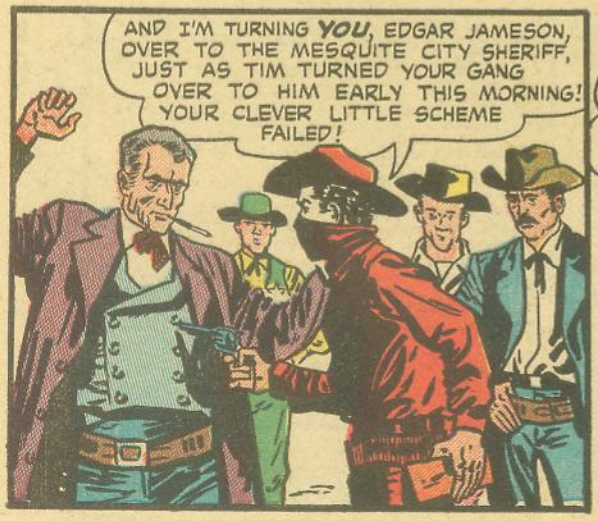
THE ASTOUNDED GAZE OF THE GUNMEN REST ON THE GRIM, CRIMSON FIGURE OF—REDMASK.

WE QUIT!
WE COULD NEVER BEAT BOTH YOU HOMBRES IN A GUN BATTLE!

NEXT DAY IN MESQUITE CITY, TIM HOLT PERFORMS FOR THE LAST TIME...
BLAMMM!
BLAMMM!

MOMENTS LATER, REDMASK COMES FORWARD TO TIE HIS SCORE—
I'LL PUT MY BULLETS THROUGH THE NECKS OF THOSE BOTTLES WITHOUT BREAKING THEM!

THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS—
WE'VE ORDERED TIM HOLT HERE TO LISTEN TO THE VERDICT, BUT YOU CAN TELL HIM, REDMASK! THE CONTEST IS A TIE! YOU AND HOLT WILL SPLIT THE FIFTY THOUSAND!
TIM HAS AGREED WITH ME, TO TURN THE MONEY OVER TO CHARITY!


AND I'M TURNING YOU, EDGAR JAMESON, OVER TO THE MESQUITE CITY SHERIFF, JUST AS TIM TURNED YOUR GANG OVER TO HIM EARLY THIS MORNING! YOUR CLEVER LITTLE SCHEME FAILED!

BUT THE SCHEME TO RIG UP A DUMMY OF REDMASK NEAR THAT TREASURE CAVE LAST NIGHT DIDN'T FAIL! THOSE OUTLAWS SAW TIM AND REDMASK TOGETHER—SO THE SECRET OF MY DOUBLE IDENTITY IS SAFE!
THE END

THE GHOST RIDER

MARSHAL, CAIN'T YUH SEE WHUT'S GOIN' ON BACK THAR? AIN'T YUH GOIN' TO STOP THAT BULLY?

BAR

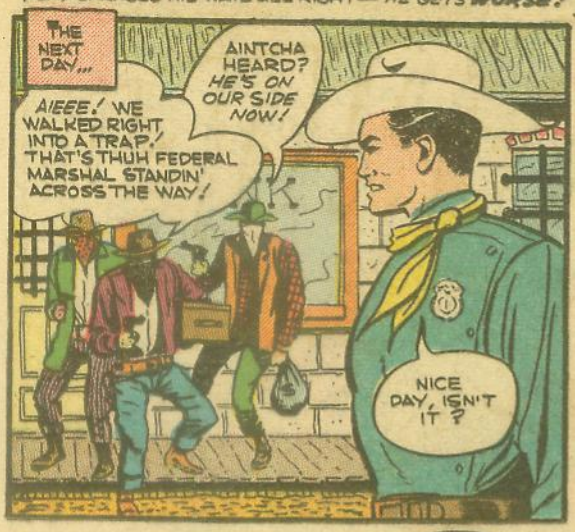
DON'T BOTHER ME ... I'M JUST SOAKIN' IN THE SUN .... I DON'T GIVE A HOOT FOR LAW AND ORDER!

1. THE MOON IS MADE OF CHEESE.
2. AMERICA IS IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE....

BET YOU THINK WE'RE CRAZY AS CACTUS BUGS? WELL, TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT — THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE *TWICE* AS EASY TO BELIEVE AS THE WAY REX FURY BEHAVED THE TIME THERE WAS —

"NO LAW IN LITTLE BEND"

FURY CHANGES HIS WAYS ALL RIGHT — HE GETS **WORSE!**

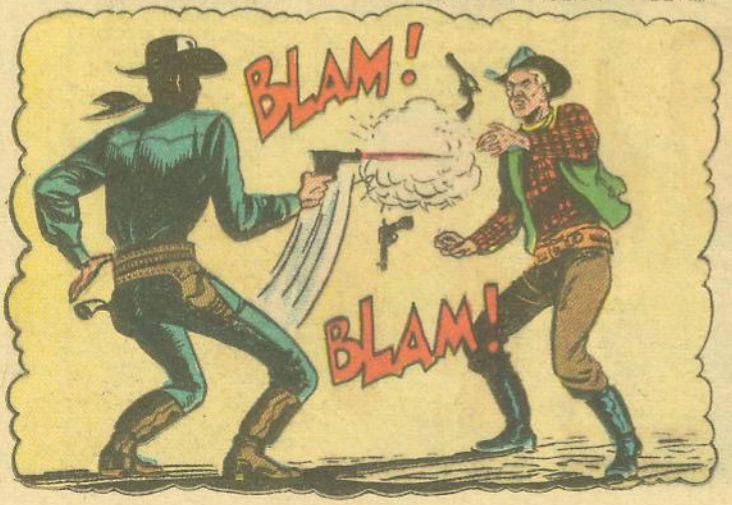


AND THE NEXT DAY AFTER THAT!

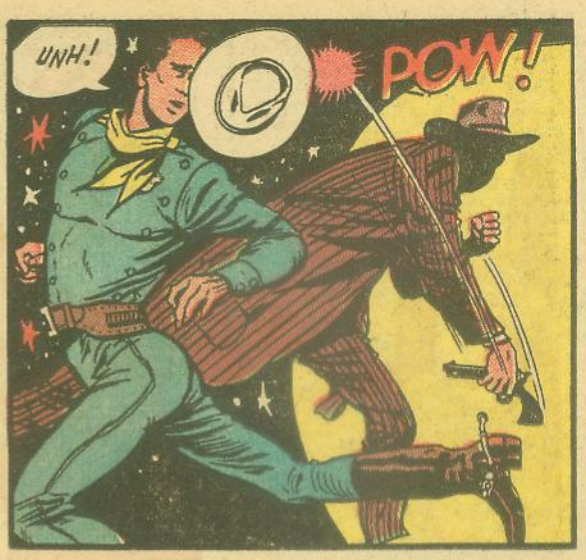
CAN YOU BLAME THE GOOD PEOPLE OF LITTLE BEND FOR GETTING RILED UP?

"YUH ALL REMEMBER HOW HE SAILED INTO THUH OWLHOOTS THET DAY. THAR WASN'T ONE COULD STAND UP TO THOSE FISTS OF HIS...."

"AND THUH SECOND DAY... REMEMBER HOW HE CLEANED OUT *THUH GOLDEN SLIPPER*? HE SHOT SO FAST AN' TRUE, THERE WASN'T AN' OWLHOOT LEFT WHO DIDN'T HAVE A NICKED TRIGGER FINGER..."



IT'S AFTER SUN-DOWN NOW.... AND REX FURY HAS AMBLED OUT FOR AN EVENING STROLL....

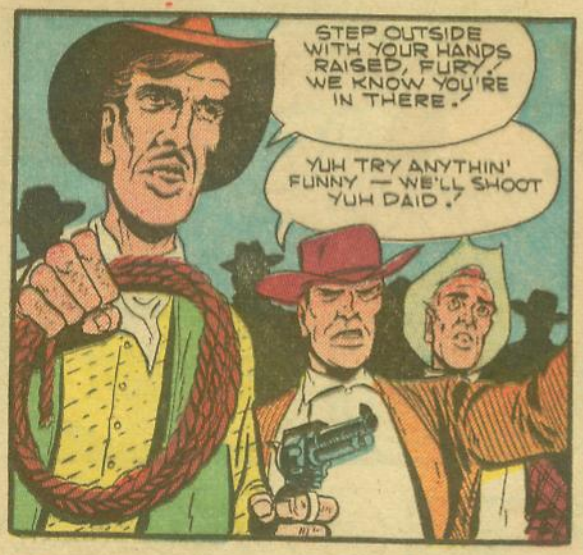


A SHORT TIME LATER...

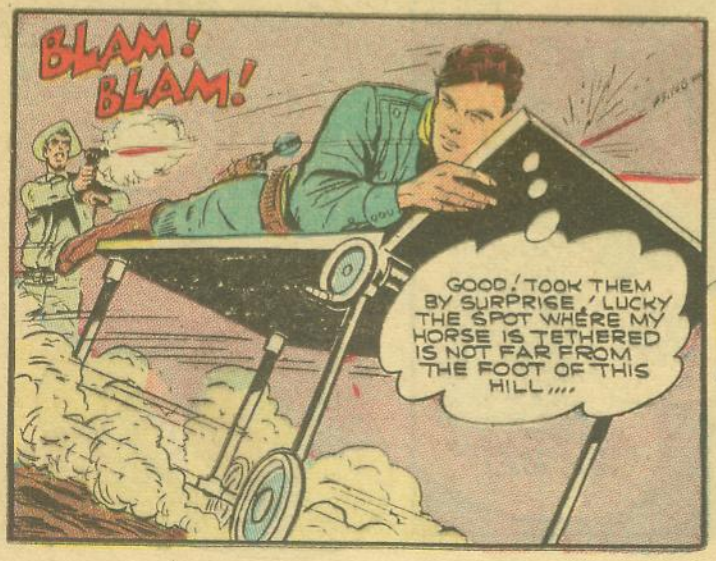
TAKEN IN A BIG DOSE, IT EFFECTS THUH VISION—CAUSES HALLUCINATIONS... THIS IS A BOTTLE OF THUH STUFF I GOT RIGHT HERE, REX.
BUT WHO—
DOC! WHAT ARE THOSE NOISES OUTSIDE?!

IT'S THUH TOWNSFOLK, REX — THEY'RE AFTER YOU! SOMEBODY MUST'VE SEEN ME DRAG YUH IN HERE....
NOTHIN'S TOO GOOD FOR A CROOKED FEDERAL MARSHAL — THET'S WHY WE'RE CARRYIN' THE BEST ROPE IN LITTLE BEND!

HOW'RE YUH GONNA GET OUT, REX? THEY'RE TOO RILED UP TO LISTEN TO REASON!
I DON'T WANT TO SHOOT AT THEM... WHAT CAN I DO?
THE EXAMINATION TABLE... IT'S ON WHEELS!
GIVE ME THAT BOTTLE, DOC. I WANT IT WITH ME FOR EVIDENCE, IN CASE I MANAGE TO BREAK OUT!

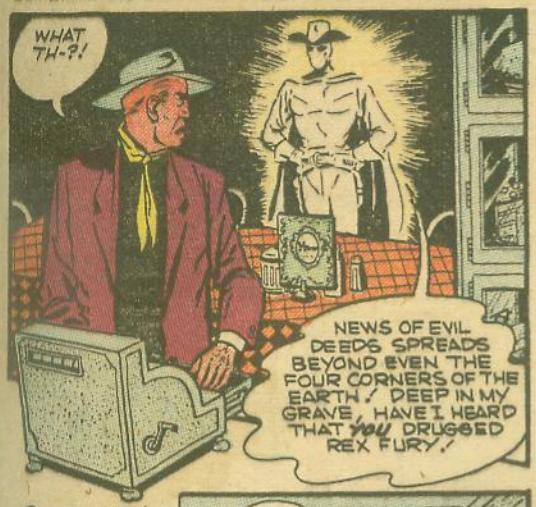

STEP OUTSIDE WITH YOUR HANDS RAISED, FURY! WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
YUH TRY ANYTHIN' FUNNY — WE'LL SHOOT YUH DAID!

SUDDENLY THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN!
WHIZZZZZZ!

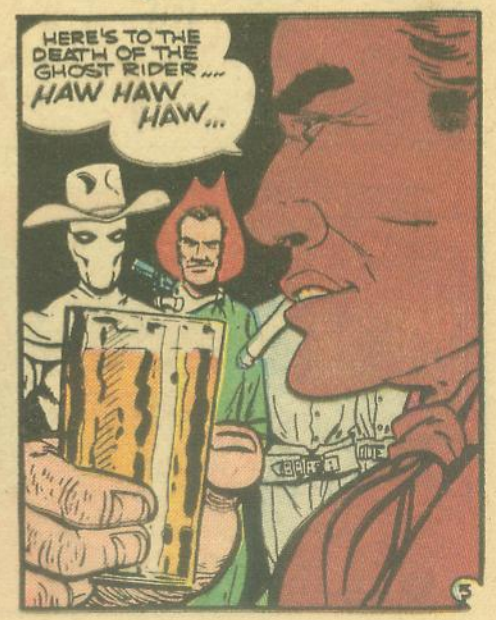

BLAM! BLAM!
GOOD! TOOK THEM BY SURPRISE! LUCKY THE SPOT WHERE MY HORSE IS TETHERED IS NOT FAR FROM THE FOOT OF THIS HILL....

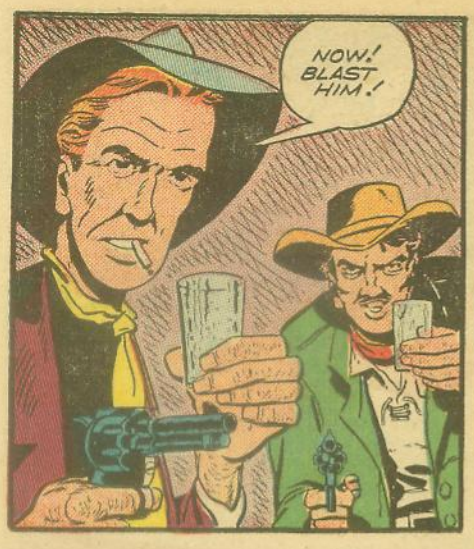
MADE IT!
NOW TO MY HIDEOUT WHERE I'LL CHANGE INTO THE GHOST RIDER... AND I'LL BE BACK TONIGHT TO CONFRONT THE MAN WHO WAS DRUGGING ME!

LATER THAT NIGHT... LEM MORROW IS CLOSING HIS COMBINATION BAR AND RESTAURANT WHEN —



SUDDENLY—!

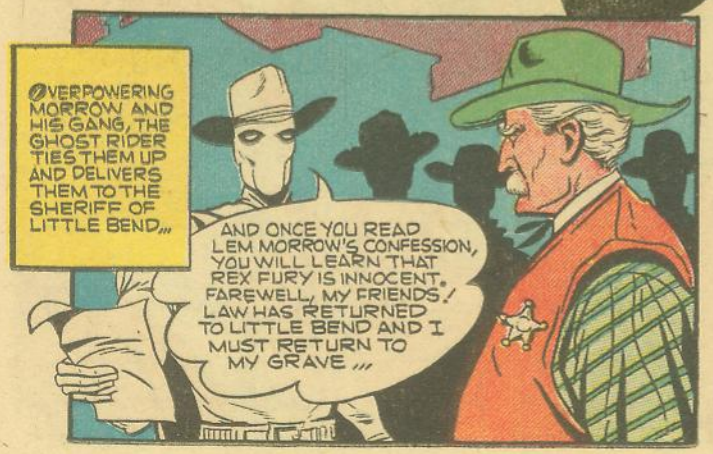


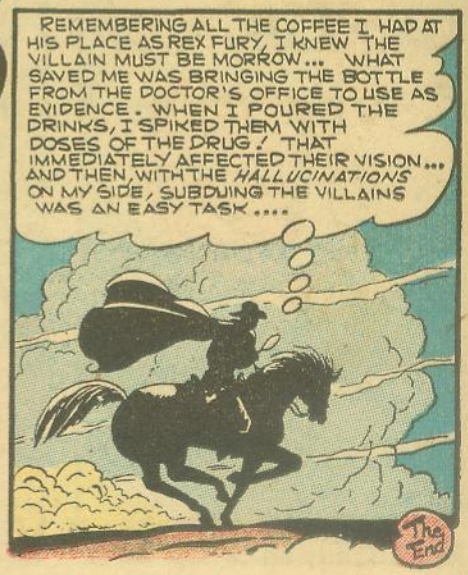

NOW! BLAST HIM!

WHUT THUH...?!
W-WHERE'D THUH OTHERS COME FROM...?

AIEEEEE!

HE'S TINY NOW.!
STOMP HIM FLAT!
ALL THE STOMPING WILL BE DONE BY ME.!


OVERPOWERING MORROW AND HIS GANG, THE GHOST RIDER TIES THEM UP AND DELIVERS THEM TO THE SHERIFF OF LITTLE BEND...
AND ONCE YOU READ LEM MORROW'S CONFESSION, YOU WILL LEARN THAT REX FURY IS INNOCENT. FAREWELL, MY FRIENDS.! LAW HAS RETURNED TO LITTLE BEND AND I MUST RETURN TO MY GRAVE...


REMEMBERING ALL THE COFFEE I HAD AT HIS PLACE AS REX FURY, I KNEW THE VILLAIN MUST BE MORROW... WHAT SAVED ME WAS BRINGING THE BOTTLE FROM THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE TO USE AS EVIDENCE. WHEN I POURED THE DRINKS, I SPIKED THEM WITH DOSES OF THE DRUG.! THAT IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED THEIR VISION... AND THEN, WITH THE HALLUCINATIONS ON MY SIDE, SUBDUING THE VILLAINS WAS AN EASY TASK....
The End

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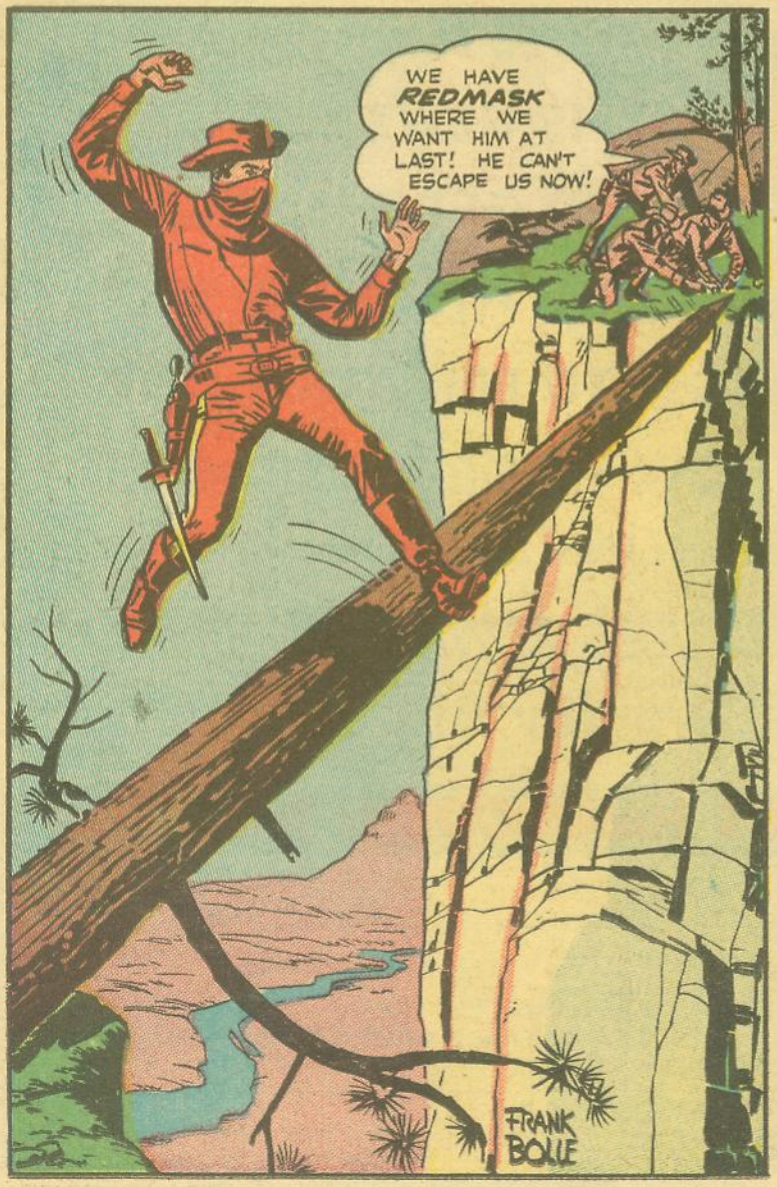
TIM HOLT

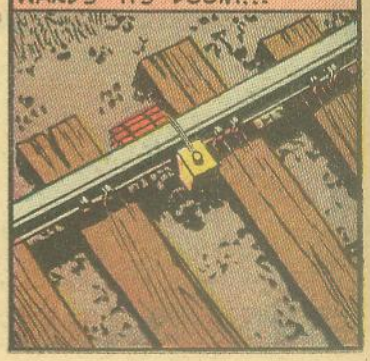
THIS TRAIN IS THE TARGET FOR OUTLAW GUNS! IT IS RUNNING INTO A DEATH TRAP — AND ONLY ONE MAN CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! BUT EVEN AS *REDMASK* RISKS DEATH TO SAVE IT, THE GREAT ENGINE THUNDERS ALONG ON THE —

"DEATH RIDE OF THE IRON HORSE"



A PALE MOON BEAMS DOWN SOMEWHERE BEYOND ARROYO JUNCTION AS GRIM FIGURES WORK WITH FRENZIED HASTE...

A DEATH TRAP WAITS, AND THE BULLET LIMITED ROARS ON FROM SILVER CITY TOWARDS ITS DOOM...



IN THE TOWN OF BULLET, THAT SAME EVENING...

MOMENTS LATER, AT THE BULLET JAIL...

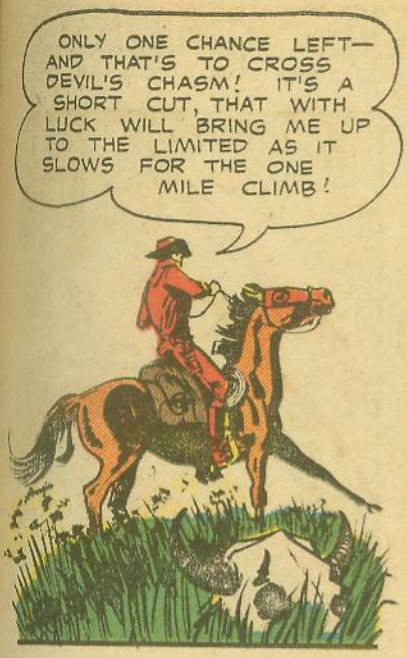
SOME MILES OUTSIDE TOWN...

BUT AT NEEDLE CANYON, MASKED MEN SEEM TO RISE UP FROM THE VERY GROUND ITSELF!

LIKE A HUNTING PANTHER, REDMASK CARRIES THE TWO REMAINING OUTLAWS TO THE GROUND...

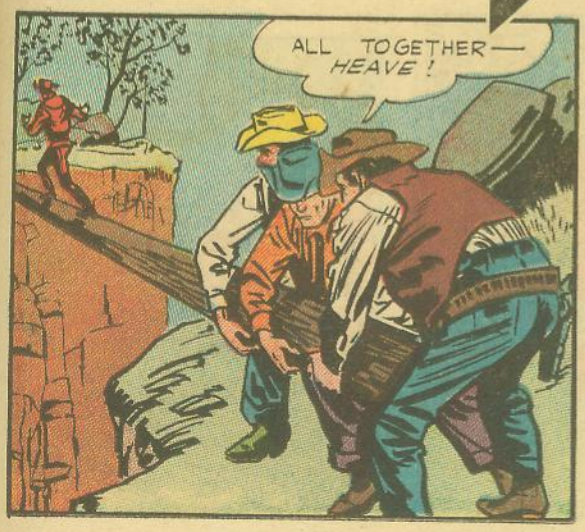
WHILE REDMASK FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE HIGH ON THE BLUFFS OF NEEDLE CANYON, THE ARROYO LIMITED ROCKETS ONWARD—

SOMEWHAT LATER—

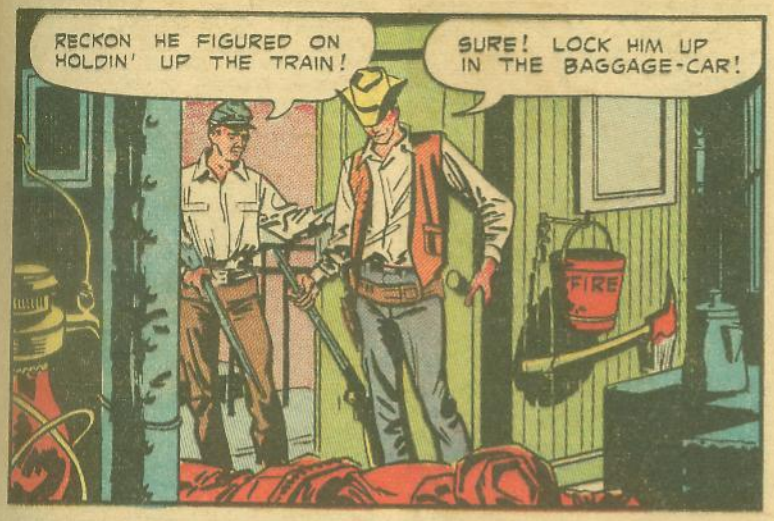


AT THE MILE-DEEP DEVIL'S CHASM...

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE GREAT PINE CRASHES DOWN OVER THE CHASM. IT QUIVERS THEN REMAINS STEADY—

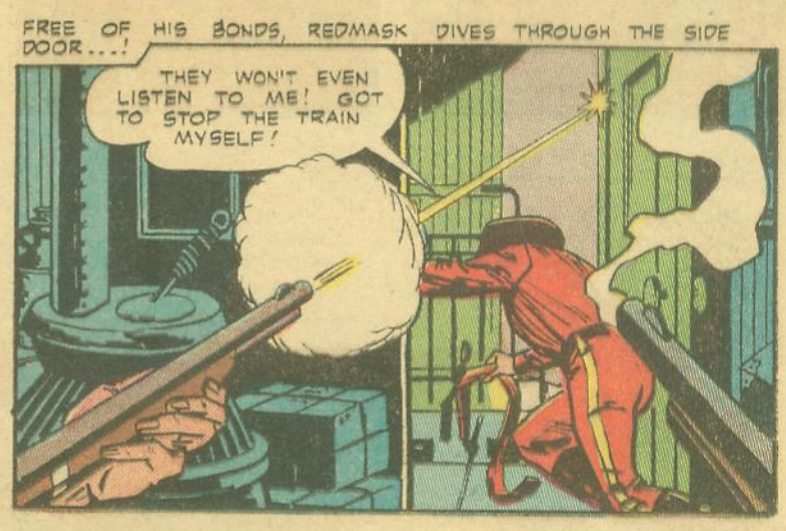


AS THE PINE DROPS OUT FROM UNDER HIM, REDMASK FRANTICALLY HURLS HIS KNIFE WITH A THIN STRONG CORD ATTACHED TO IT...
I MISSED!
AND THEN, AS IT SCRAPES ALONG THE GROUND, THE KNIFE LODGES SIDEWAYS BETWEEN TWO ROCK PROJECTIONS—
HAND OVER HAND, REDMASK CLAMBERS TO THE CLIFFS ABOVE...
LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER, AS THE LIMITED SLOWS TO CLIMB ONE-MILE CLIMB...
THE TRAIN'S SLOWED UP FOR THE UPGRADE! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO SWING ABOARD!
TIM CAREFULLY WORKS HIS WAY ALONG THE CAR ROOFS UNTIL HE REACHES THE BAGGAGE-CAR...
AT THAT MOMENT—


RECKON HE FIGURED ON HOLDIN' UP THE TRAIN!
SURE! LOCK HIM UP IN THE BAGGAGE-CAR!
FIRE

AS REDMASK OPENS HIS EYES, LATER—
OHHH... MY HEAD! SPLITTING!... I'M TIED UP AND THE TRAIN IS ROCKETING ON TOWARD THAT DYNAMITE! GOT TO GET FREE... WARN EVERYBODY...

AHHH... THAT RIPPED BIT OF METAL IS SHARP AS A KNIFE, AND IT'S CUTTING RIGHT THROUGH THESE ROPES...


FREE OF HIS BONDS, REDMASK DIVES THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR....!
THEY WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO ME! GOT TO STOP THE TRAIN MYSELF!

I'LL DROP DOWN ON THE ENGINEER AND FIREMAN— FORCE THEM FROM THE ENGINE— DISCONNECT THE ENGINE FROM THE CARS— AND GO ON ALONE...

GET BACK INTO THE CARS! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT ANYONE— BUT THERE'S DYNAMITE ON THE TRACKS AHEAD, AND I WANT TO PUT IT OUT OF COMMISSION SO NO ONE IS HURT!

A HAND REMOVES THE CONNECTING PIN...
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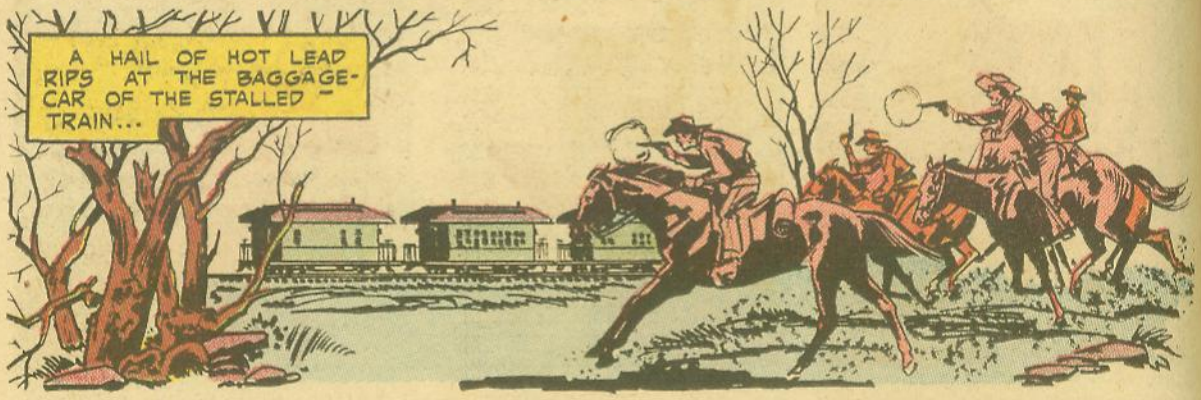
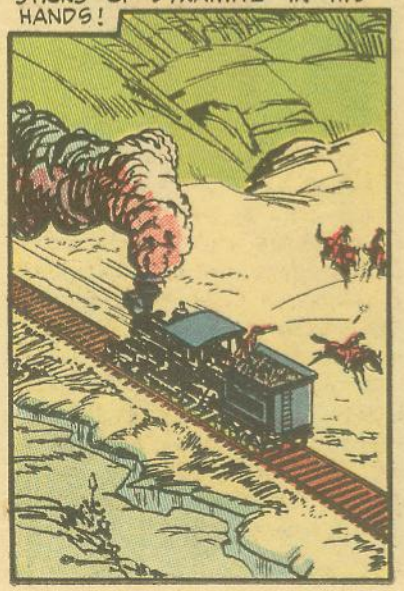
REDMASK RIDES ON ALONE IN THE HURTLING ENGINE, SEEKING THE DYNAMITE...

THERE IT IS!

THERE! I'VE DISCONNECTED THE FUSES. THE TRACKS ARE SAFE ONCE MORE AND— WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE GUNFIRE!


A HAIL OF HOT LEAD RIPS AT THE BAGGAGE-CAR OF THE STALLED TRAIN...


BACKING UP THE ENGINE, REDMASK RETURNS WITH THE STICKS OF DYNAMITE IN HIS HANDS!

A MOMENT LATER—
BARRROOOMMM!

NOW GET ABOARD THAT TRAIN! YOU WERE GOING TO BLAST IT, BUT I'M GOING TO USE IT TO TAKE YOU TO JAIL— WHERE YOU BELONG!
THE END

REDMASK'S CAVE

Dear Readers:

This is your column. Any questions you may have about the West will be answered by REDMASK. Just shoot them in and he'll rope the information for you!

Dear Redmask,

I have read here and there about the cliff-dwellers and the cities they built on cliffs. Will you tell me if this is true, or just something I have read in a story?

John Elsingham
Rochester, New York

Dear John,

The cliff-dwellers were real people. They built their homes of clay and stone, under the rims of great cliffs. The reason they located their homes there is that this afforded them protection against enemies. If they were attacked, they drew up their ladders and were almost inaccessible to any attack. The cliff houses can be seen out west today, in a remarkable state of preservation due to the hot climate and dry air. Some of the finest of these cliff buildings are to be found at Mesa Verde, and in the canyon of the Mancos. The names given these dwellings are Two Storey House, Cliff Palace and The Sandal House. Yes, the cliff-dwellers were real people, though they died out, or were taken in with Indian tribes, long before the coming of the white man.

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Dear Redmask,

Would you be good enough to tell me what is meant by the term "fool's gold"?

Charlotte Havemeyer
Holyoke, Massachusetts

Dear Charlotte,

"Fool's gold" is iron pyrites. This metal looks like gold and seems to be gold — to the uninitiated. But by dropping the iron pyrites into a fire, old-timers could tell whether it was gold or not. The iron pyrites turned black from the flames. Real gold was unaffected by the fire.

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Dear Redmask,

Was "Doc" Holliday really a doctor? I say he was, but my friend claims it was just a nickname. I would appreciate your settling this friendly argument for me.

Jimmy Wilson
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Jimmy,

You win the bet. "Doc" Holliday — gambler and gunman and friend of Wyatt Earp, marshal of Tombstone — was a dentist. A good one, too, when he wasn't gambling or having a gunfight with somebody!

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Dear Redmask,

Is there such a thing as a "leopard horse"? I have seen this term somewhere, and have wondered about it. Is it a real horse? Or a member of the leopard family?

Christine Andrews
Eagle Grove, Iowa

Dear Christine,

The term "leopard horse" applies to the appaloosa. The appaloosa is a horse with a dappled grey hide covered with egg-shaped, diamond or circular spots. The appaloosa sometimes has a cream-colored hide, but the spots remain the same and give rise to the term "leopard horse" and also, "polka-dot horse." In former times, the appaloosa was the property of the Nez Perce Indians, and used as their war horse. When the Nez Perce were put in reservations, a large number of them killed their ponies, but some escaped. It was feared that this strain of horse would soon be extinct, but in late years breeders of horses have increased the strain. The appaloosa is a strong, fast horse, very highly prized by all horsemen.

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Dear Redmask,

Did the ranches always have a chuck-wagon? I know they took these chuck-wagons and a cook with them on the trail drives, but when did they first start?

George Havers
Galveston, Texas

Dear George,

The chuck-wagon — the wagon that carried food and cooking utensils, stove and eating implements — was not always in use in the west. Originally a cowpoke carried dough and water with him on the saddle, and depended on shooting his meal. Later, ranchers brought along pack mules. But when the cattle business became big business after the Civil War, the ranchers needed fast transportation, and transportation that could carry food for ten to fifty or more riders. That was when the chuck-wagon came into its own, with "cookie" to drive it and prepare the meals. Even today on some of the big ranches, they still use the chuck-wagon, though more often it is a converted station-wagon.

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Dear Redmask,

I guess Billy the Kid is one of the most famous outlaws I ever heard about. I'd like to know more about him. Was he a big man?

Philip Jackter
Sparta, Wisconsin

Dear Philip,

Billy the Kid was a small man, as we know men today. He was only 5 feet 3 inches tall, and weighed only 125 pounds! But size alone does not mean a thing. Billy the Kid is credited with having killed 21 men, not including Indians. Inasmuch as he died when he was 21, you must agree that he lived a pretty tough life, and probably deserves the appellation of one of our "most famous outlaws!"

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Dear Redmask,

What does it mean when it says a cowboy is "hung up"?

Chuck Billows
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Chuck,

When a cowboy falls from the saddle, with his foot still in the stirrup and is dragged along the ground in that position, he is said to be "hung up." Some wild mustangs could drag a rider to death in this manner, if no one were near to stop the horse, or if the man being dragged along could not shoot the horse to stop him.

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Dear Redmask,

I read about longhorn steers coming up the trails of the west, from Texas. Are there any longhorns living today?

Eddie Petersen
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Eddie,

Not many. The longhorns were the ideal steer for the trail drives, for they were tough and half-wild. But the meat they furnished was nothing like the tender beef we eat today. The longhorns played their part in history, and played it well, but times change, and so do cattle. Durhams began to replace Longhorns as long ago as 1880. Then they began to cross Hereford cattle with longhorns, and got a bigger, heavier steer as a result. These cattle were known as "white faces." Today, there is no longer the necessity for trail drives: there are railroads everywhere. So cattle do not have to be tough and wild to survive the dangers of a trail drive. They can fatten up on the range, and know that all that's expected of them is that they furnish us with "good eating."

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Dear Redmask,

What is a "sod house"?

Benjamin Haslett
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Benjamin,

A sod house is just what its name implies — a house made of sod. In the early west, settlers had little opportunity to get wood, for they often located on the treeless plains. In such cases, they built their homes of sod squares. This furnished good protection against cold, and of course, against fire. Even on some houses built of logs, you could find sod roofs. They were thought to be better than slate or shingled roofs for that part of the country, and were a great deal easier to make.

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That's all for this time, boys and girls. But keep those letters coming! I'm only too happy to keep you informed on the old west, or the modern west, for that matter. If there is a delay in our publication of your letter, don't be alarmed. We'll get to it, soon as we can!

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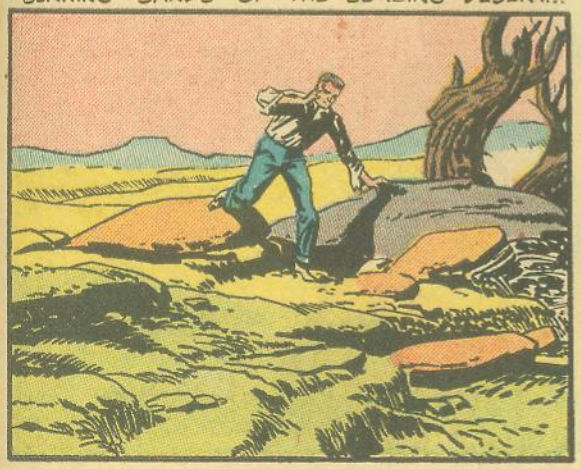
TIM HOLT

WHEN A POSSE CORNERS **REDMASK,** AND A DOZEN BULLETS RIP HIM APART— **WHOSE** IS THE GRIM, SCARLET FIGURE THAT COMES RIDING ACROSS THE PLAINS TO AVENGE—

"THE KILLING OF REDMASK!"

A MAN STAGGERS OVER THE HOT AND BURNING SANDS OF THE BLAZING DESERT...

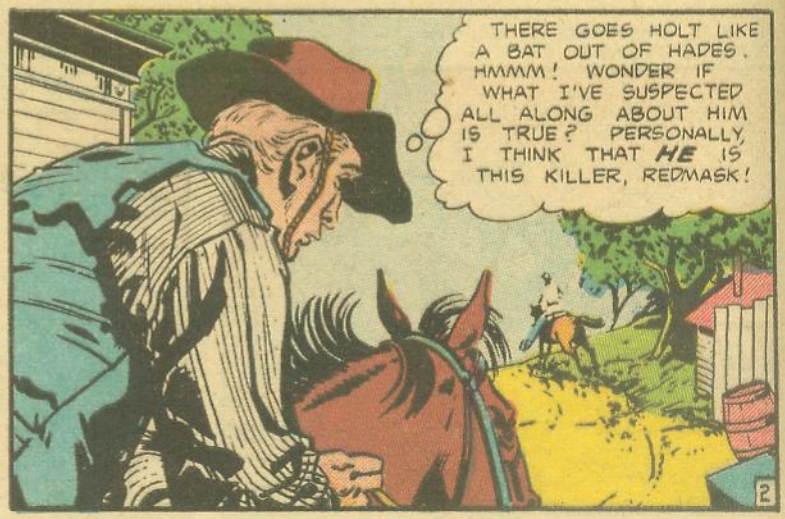


HALF DEAD WITH HEAT AND THIRST, HE REELS INTO THE FOOTHILLS, AND FALLS IN EXHAUSTION. AS HE DROPS, HIS HAND GOES OUT, AND A ROCK TILTS SIDEWAYS...

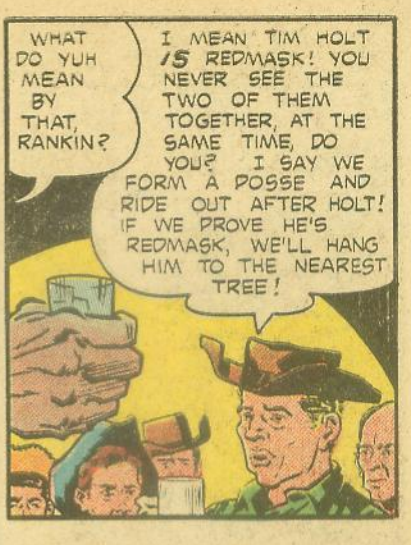
SOME HOURS LATER, ON THE WINDING ROAD BETWEEN SLEEPY GAP AND BULLET...

THAT WAS THE BEGINNING. AS THE DAYS FLED INTO A WEEK, REPORTS BEGAN TO COME IN FROM OUTLYING RANCHES **REDMASK IS ROBBING!**

IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN BULLET, TIM HOLT PAUSES IN DISMAY...

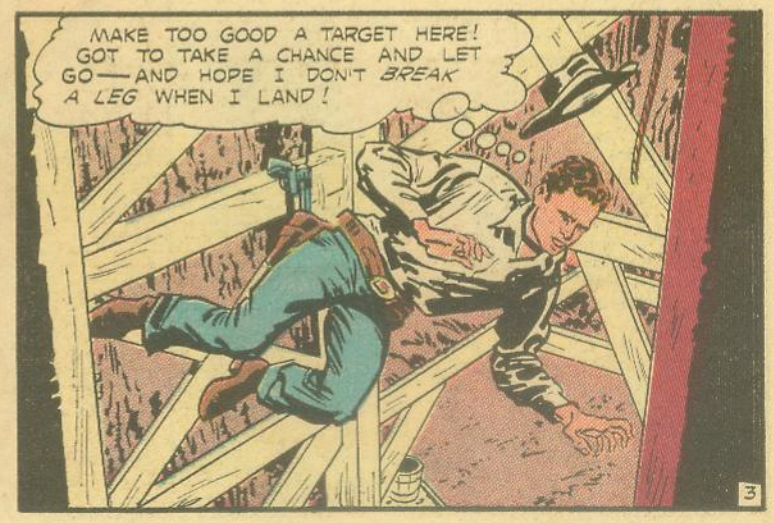


A FEW MINUTES LATER, HARDFACED CLEM RANKIN SPEAKS HIS MIND IN THE CACTUS QUEEN SALOON...



UNAWARE THAT A POSSE IS FORMING BEHIND HIM TO HANG HIM, TIM HOLT TRACKS DOWN THE FALSE REDMASK...

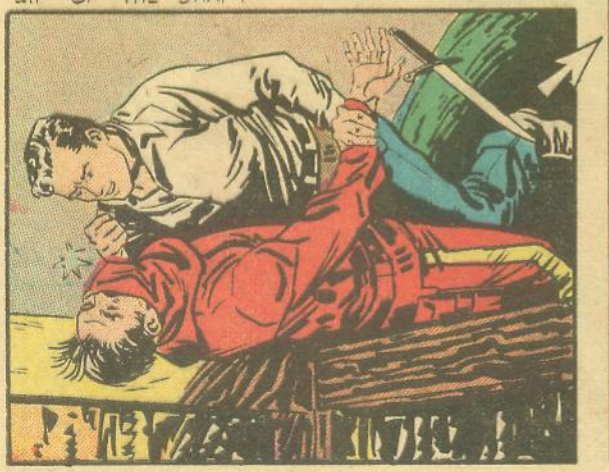
FROM THE SHADOWS BELOW, A SCARLET FIGURE RISES. A GUN LIFTS AND STEADIES—



TIM HITS A LOWER MINE LEVEL AND ROLLS, WITH BULLETS SEARCHING FOR HIM...

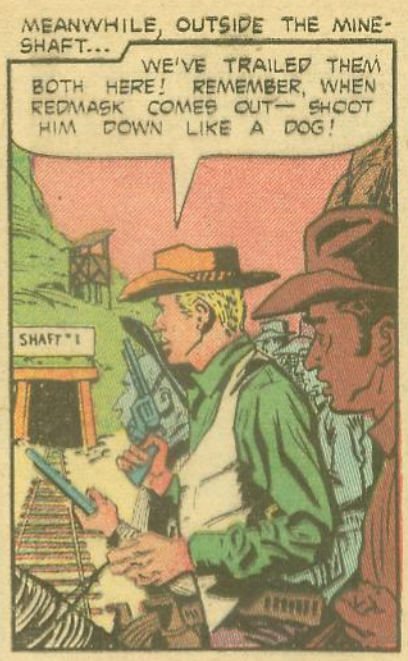
LOCKED TOGETHER, THEIR FISTS RISING AND FALLING IN BRUTAL FURY, THE TWO MEN ROLL OVER AND OVER, TOWARD THE MINE SHAFT...!

FOR AN INSTANT, THEY HANG ON THE VERY LIP OF THE SHAFT—



LANDED ON THE ELEVATOR!
WATCH YOUR STEP
ELEVATOR #1

HE'S KNOCKED OUT COLD! I'LL BRING HIM TO, THEN TAKE HIM TO BULLET, TO JAIL!


MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE MINE-SHAFT...
WE'VE TRAILED THEM BOTH HERE! REMEMBER, WHEN REDMASK COMES OUT— SHOOT HIM DOWN LIKE A DOG!
SHAFT #1

—AND IF HE COMES OUT POSING AS TIM HOLT, SHOOT HIM ANYHOW! I THINK HE'S GETTING WISE TO THE FACT THAT WE'RE THE RUSTLERS OF EAGLE PASS. TO PROTECT HIS IDENTITY AS REDMASK, HE'S LIABLE TO MOVE AGAINST US!

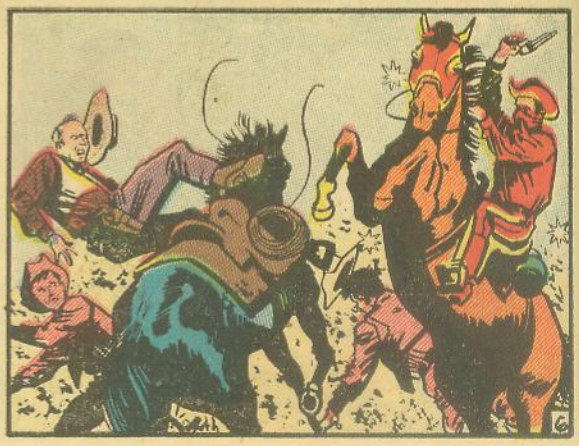
IN THE LONG MINE TUNNEL...
OHHHH!
HE MUST BE WEAK FROM SHOCK AFTER THAT FALL. I'LL CARRY HIM OUT!

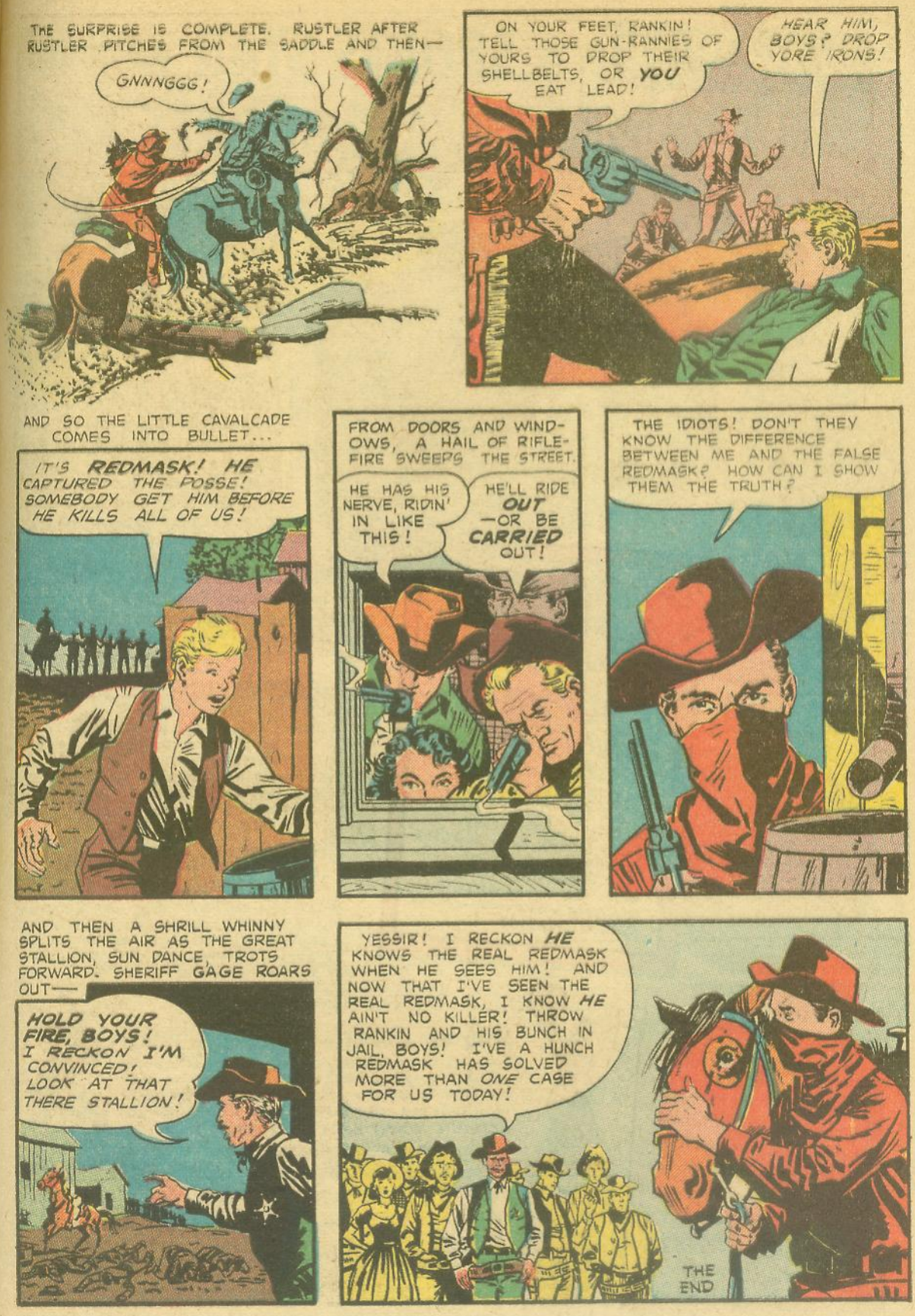
BUT THE FALSE REDMASK HAS ONLY BEEN PRETENDING. AS TIM LEANS SYMPATHETICALLY ABOVE HIM...
UGGH!

A MOMENT LATER, AS HE BURSTS INTO THE HOT SUNLIGHT—
SHAFT #1
AAAGH!

IN THE DARK TUNNEL, TIM RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS...

GUNS SPURTING, THE *REAL* REDMASK HURTLES DOWN AT THE EAGLE PASS RUSTLERS—




THE SURPRISE IS COMPLETE. RUSTLER AFTER RUSTLER PITCHES FROM THE SADDLE AND THEN—
GNNNGGG!
ON YOUR FEET, RANKIN! TELL THOSE GUN-RANNIES OF YOURS TO DROP THEIR SHELLBELTS, OR YOU EAT LEAD!
HEAR HIM, BOYS? DROP YORE IRONS!
AND SO THE LITTLE CAVALCADE COMES INTO BULLET...
IT'S REDMASK! HE CAPTURED THE POSSE! SOMEBODY GET HIM BEFORE HE KILLS ALL OF US!
FROM DOORS AND WINDOWS, A HAIL OF RIFLE-FIRE SWEEPS THE STREET.
HE HAS HIS NERVE, RIDIN' IN LIKE THIS!
HE'LL RIDE OUT —OR BE CARRIED OUT!
THE IDIOTS! DON'T THEY KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND THE FALSE REDMASK? HOW CAN I SHOW THEM THE TRUTH?
AND THEN A SHRILL WHINNY SPLITS THE AIR AS THE GREAT STALLION, SUN DANCE, TROTS FORWARD. SHERIFF GAGE ROARS OUT—
HOLD YOUR FIRE, BOYS! I RECKON I'M CONVINCED! LOOK AT THAT THERE STALLION!
YESSIR! I RECKON HE KNOWS THE REAL REDMASK WHEN HE SEES HIM! AND NOW THAT I'VE SEEN THE REAL REDMASK, I KNOW HE AIN'T NO KILLER! THROW RANKIN AND HIS BUNCH IN JAIL, BOYS! I'VE A HUNCH REDMASK HAS SOLVED MORE THAN ONE CASE FOR US TODAY!
THE END

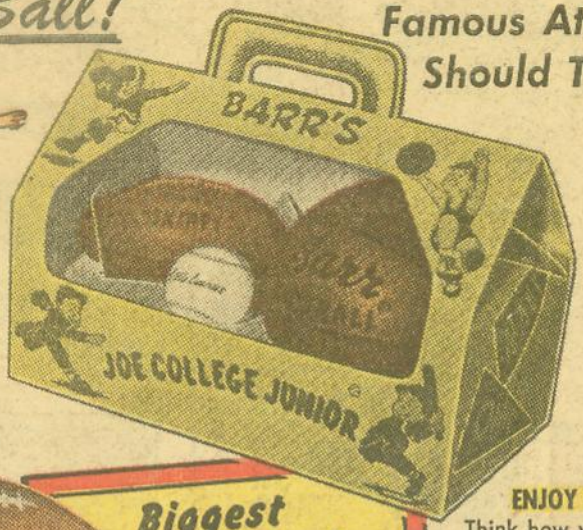
WOW! HEY KIDS! Be a SPORTS STAR with an ALL-AMERICAN SPORTS KIT!

Play Ball!

BASEBALL

FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL



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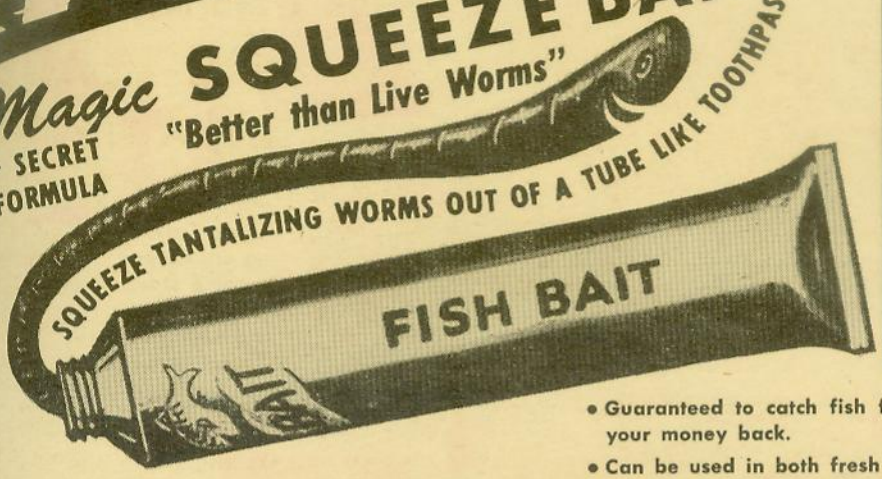

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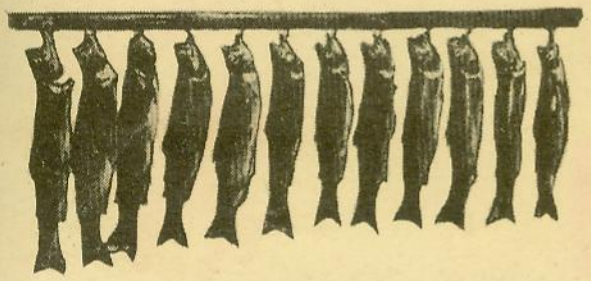

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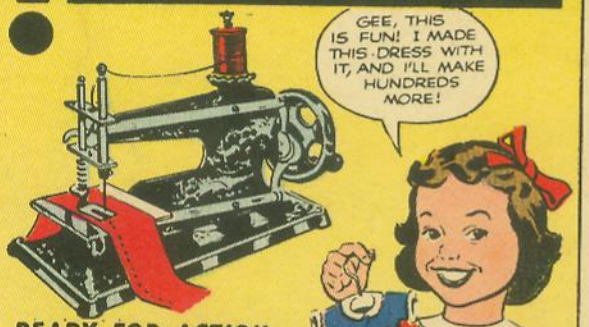

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